

English Paper Pieced Ornaments with Tina Craig



Note: These are my recommendations for supplies. You do not have to buy anything special as long as you have some fabric scraps, needle and thread.



Supplies:

Paper templates- Please print one copy of the document **2-in-triangle-templates.pdf** onto medium weight cover stock (65-80 lb). Any color will do, but please note that we will be leaving the template inside the ornaments for added stability. A dark color paper may show through lighter fabrics. Print at 100% scale, but don't stress out if the triangles are not exactly 2".

Alternately, you may purchase pre-cut 2" equilateral triangle templates.

Fabric- quilting cottons work best but other fibers such as linen or rayon can be used. There's no harm in trying home dec or garment fabrics. You will need (8) 2.5" squares for each ornament.

Needles- I prefer long, thin hand sewing needles such as milliners or straw needles, size 9-11.

Thread- For normal EPP, I use a strong, thin thread in neutral or coordinating colors. My current favorite thread for EPP is Superior bottom line, which is 60wt, 2-ply polyester. Thread conditioner or a thread wax may be helpful if you use cotton thread like 50 wt Aurifil. Some stitches will show on the outside of the ornament, so choose a color that matches your fabric; or you may opt for a thicker thread in a contrasting color for an added design detail. In the photo above, you can see the red stitches under the snowman.

Thimble- If you are not typically a thimble user, you might want to try thimble pads, a small, adhesive leather dot. The skinny needles I use are sharp at the eye, too.

Glue pen- I like the refillable fabric glue pens made by Fons & Porter, Sue Daly, Bohin or Sewline. Fortunately, the refills are interchangeable between all brands. A standard school glue stick will work for this project if you don't have a glue pen.

Scissors- one for paper and one for fabric.

Tape- masking, painters or scotch- to temporarily hold together pieces while stitching.

Ribbon, pearl cotton or baker's twine- about 12" long for hanging.

Beads, bell or tassel – optional – for bling!

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